



Optometry School Application Timeline

Planning and preparation are key to submitting a thorough, thoughtful, and professional application to optometry school.



Components of a Successful Application

Good Test Score
and GPA



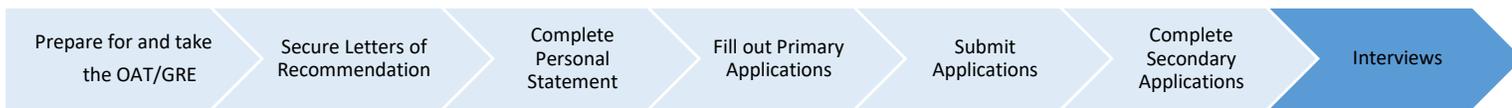
Well-written Personal
Statement



Strong Letters of
Recommendation



Primary Applications Open in June: Plan to submit in July



Month	<i>What you should be thinking about and planning for:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> January- April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on writing your Personal Statement and experience descriptions for your application. • Identify and meet with your letter writers and ask for STRONG Letters of Recommendation. • Continue to engage in volunteer work, leadership activities, shadowing, and research.
<input type="checkbox"/> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Applications open. Begin to fill out Primary Applications as soon as possible. Read the instructions carefully. • Order Official Transcripts from ALL colleges and universities you have attended and have them sent to the appropriate application services. https://www.byui.edu/transcripts • Complete Personal Statement and experience descriptions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Applications. July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make final decisions on which optometry schools to apply to and submit Primary application. • Application services verify Primary Applications and notify applicants of verification status.
<input type="checkbox"/> July-August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue working on and submitting secondary applications. Be wary of copy and paste errors. • Try to get all Secondary Applications submitted within 2-3 weeks of receipt.
<input type="checkbox"/> September-January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for and attend interviews.
<input type="checkbox"/> January-May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools may offer late interviews in an effort to fill their seats. • Applicants on waitlists are notified of an admission offer. Typically, optometry schools confirm their class by the end of July in the year following application. • Remember to thank those who helped you prepare for and get accepted to optometry school. • If not accepted, meet with a Health Professions Advisor to help strategize for the next application cycle, or look for other career options.